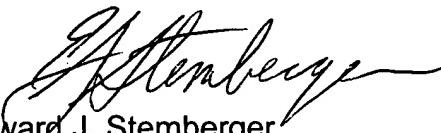


REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-13 have been amended and claims 14-20 have been added. Thus, Claims 1-20 are pending.

Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

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